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STATE AID - 1976-77

South Carolina's thirty county and regional library systems will share \$906,680 in State Aid funds during the current fiscal year. This funding is based on \$.35 per capita and each of the state's forty-six counties will share in the appropriation.

State Aid funds are used by public libraries to purchase materials and equipment and employ well qualified staff personnel.

Due to inflationary pressures, the libraries are confronted with rapidly rising book and equipment costs while State Aid grants remain at 1973 levels. It is conservatively estimated by the American Library Association that library costs have risen 33% since 1973.

Administered by the State Library, the program of State Aid goes back many years. These grants must keep pace with the effects of inflation if libraries are to continue to be a primary community resource for information, cultural activities, recreation and personal development.

Libraries qualify for State Aid by meeting minimum standards of organization, service and local financial support. South Carolina was one of the first states to provide State Aid grants to public libraries and has recently become one of the first states to achieve statewide public library service.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARIES

On July 20, President Ford announced his intention to convene the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services provided for in PL 93-568.

The President's message reads as follows: "...Realization of the full potential of this conference lies in the hands of dedicated professionals working day to day in this area. These individuals will make the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services a successful and productive event. The challenge confronting those which provide information services to the public is one of harnassing modern technology. Telecommunications, computers, and micrographies must be further employed to reduce the cost of making information more widely accessible and improving the speed and accuracy with which source materials can be supplied. The librarian of today's space age serves a profession and a public more demanding and exacting than ever before. Within the next few months I will request from the Congress the appropriations necessary to fund the Conference and announce my appointments for the Advisory Committee to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services. It is my hope that the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services will through its state, territorial, and national assemblies provide the impetus for advancing the quality of America's informational services."

COMING EVENT

The South Carolina State Library will sponsor a film workshop, September 15-16, at the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia. The workshop will focus on programming various categories of films in public and institutional libraries. Mr. John Bridges from the Pack Memorial Library in Asheville, North Carolina, will be the workshop consultant. Applications to attend the two-day session will be mailed to libraries participating in the State Library Film Program in the near future.

SELA CONFERENCE

The 27th biennial conference of the Southeastern Library Association will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee on November 3-6, 1976. The conference will be based at the Knoxville Hyatt Regency Hotel, with additional hotels being scheduled to accommodate conference attendees.

Theme of the 1976 conference will be "Cooperative Progress: Our Heritage, Our Challenge." Program topics will include the accreditation process, continuing education for library personnel, the effects of SOLINET on southeastern libraries, library education, school media programs, and library orientation and bibliographic instruction. (Sounds pretty dull, but the good company should make up for any program deficiency.)

Pre-registration and hotel reservations for the conference must be received by October 4 (see <u>Southeastern Librarian</u>, Summer, 1976 issue for further details).



Front View



Side View

Marion County Library Has Doubled Its Space

Featured this month is the enlarged Marion County Library. Located on the Marion Town Square at 101 E. Court Street, the Marion County Library dates back to 1896 when it consisted of only four rooms in the Bank of Marion Building. In 1905 the library moved into its own building at the present site. Fire gutted the interior in 1929 and it was not until 1936 that the library was able to restore to the shelves the same number of volumes it had before the fire.

The library addition and renovation was accomplished without changing the outside appearance of the building. The use of oversized brick in Flemish bond with wood windows and precast concrete trim made it possible for the addition to match perfectly with the existing exterior design. The interior walls are painted plaster and concrete block; carpet and resilient tile were used on the floors; plaster and lay-in acoustical tile were used as ceiling material.

The existing building contains 3,772 square feet, the addition is 3,620 square feet for a total building floor area of 7,392 square feet. The expanded library today now provides several different areas including the Children's Room, Adult Services and a South Carolina Room. The cost of the renovation of the build-

ing was almost \$192,000 and for furnishings almost \$6,500. The renovation was financed by county funds and a \$75,000 grant by the S.C. State Library under Title II, Library Services and Construction Act.

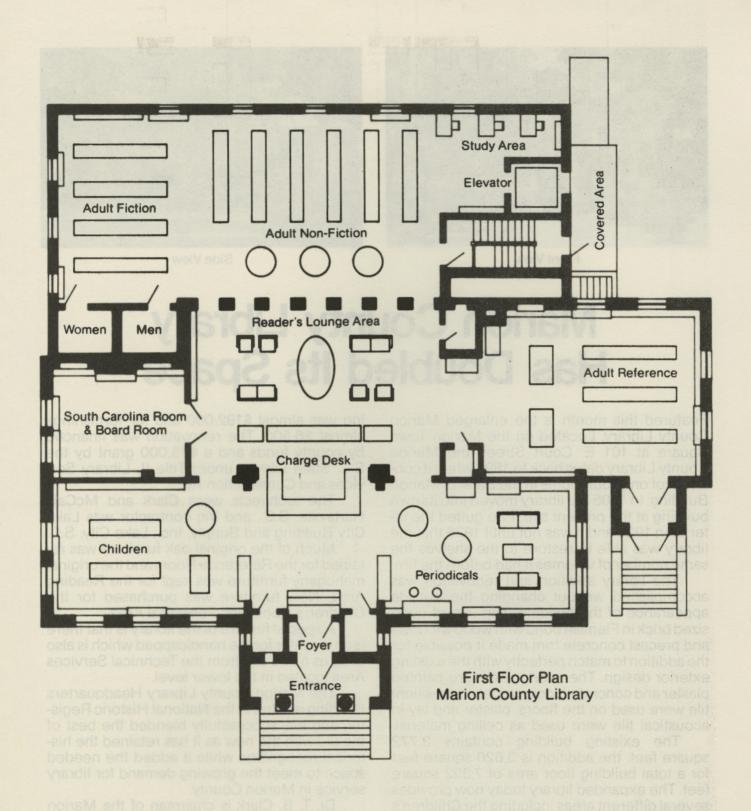
The architects were Clark and McCall, Hartsville, S.C., and the contractor was Lake City Building and Supply, Inc., Lake City, S.C.

Much of the original oak furniture was retained for the Reference Room and the original mahogany furniture was kept for the Reading Area. New furniture was purchased for the Children's Room and Periodical Area.

A special feature of the library is that there is an elevator for the handicapped which is also used as a book lift from the Technical Services Area located in the lower level.

The Marion County Library Headquarters Building is listed in the National Historic Register, and has successfully blended the best of the old with the new as it has retained the historical recognition while it added the needed space to meet the growing demand for library service in Marion County.

Dr. T. B. Clark is chairman of the Marion County Library Board and Mrs. Cynthia Phelps is the Librarian.



PLANNING STUDY RECOMMENDS NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS, SITES

A study of library facilities in the Central Midlands region was recently released by the Central Midlands Regional Planning Council in July. "A Facilities Plan for the Public Library System of the Central Midlands Region" presents inventories of existing public library resources and recommendations for new or improved library facilities for the counties of Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland, and Saluda. In addition to an analysis and inventory of county library facilities and needs, the report presents information on the location, holdings, and policies of other publicly financed libraries in the area. Included in the recommendations is the construction of a new main building for the Richland County Public Library or the addition of 70,000 square feet to the existing building. Also, recommended sites for the construction of new library branch buildings were advanced for Lexington, Newberry, and Richland Counties.

The study plan was financed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the South Carolina Division of Administration.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH S.C. COMMITTEE FOR THE HUMANITIES AND USC SOUTHERN STUDIES

Four public library systems are currently involved in public programs which are being co-sponsored by the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities and the Southern Studies Program at the University of South Carolina.

In July, both the Spartanburg County Library and the Beaufort County Library presented two seminars based on the theme of "Figures of the Revolution in South Carolina." Serving as program moderator was Dr. Stephen E. Meats, Associate Professor of English and Chairman of the Humanities Division of the University of Tampa, and visiting professor in the Southern Studies Program at USC.

Both the Charleston and Greenville County libraries hosted a series of four programs focusing on four Southern writers - Faulkner, Welty, Peterkin, and Chestnut.

These public programs are aimed at involving persons attending the meetings in a direct discussion of the program topics.

NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR DORCHESTER

On July 6, the Dorchester County Council approved preliminary architectural drawings for a headquarters library building for the Dorchester County Library in St. George. The sketches drawn by the Charleston firm of Lucas and Stubbs presented a building containing 5,555 square feet estimated to cost between \$169,000 to \$193,000. The building features separate reading areas for adults and children, a workroom, staff room, and meeting room.

The Dorchester County Library Board is also seeking a suitable site to locate a 9,000 square foot library branch building in the Summerville area.

GREENVILLE WINS AGAIN!

The Greenville County Library was awarded first prize for the Best Radio Spot in the 1976 PR Awards Contest sponsored by the Library Public Relations Council. The public service message was produced by station WSBC in cooperation with Verena Bryson, Community Relations Coordinator at the library. The award was made during the annual meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago.

RUSSELL DAM

The South Carolina State Library and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation, a private, non-profit organization, have been awarded jointly a grant of \$12,225 from the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities to produce a 16mm documentary film on the Richard B. Russell Dam Project.

Proposed for the Savannah River between Lake Hartwell and Clark Hill Reservoir, the Russell Dam has become a controversial subject. The film will be non-partisan, non-biased and produced solely as factual information for the citizens of South Carolina.

The film will be produced under the direction of Dr. Jacqueline E. Jacobs, Wildlife Executive Secretary. The State Library will provide research information and coordinate showing of the film at major public library buildings throughout the state.

The film will allow citizens to know and understand the pros and cons of the Russell Dam Project. The dam is a major investment that will affect all South Carolinians.

Tentatively titled "The Russell Dam, A Question of Values," the film will explore in depth the many factors that will be influenced by its construction as well as its lack of construction.

The Committee for the Humanities will maintain a close liaison with both groups during the film's production phase. When completed, the film will be readily available for groups and organizations to view at local public libraries. The Wildlife Federation will supply moderators for each presentation.

A regional meeting of state library agency directors and LSCA program managers will be held in Atlanta on August 11 & 12. The purpose of the meeting will be discussion of requirements and reporting involving expenditure of LSCA funds. Attending from the South Carolina State Library will be Betty Callaham, Deputy Librarian, and Betty Onley, Business Manager.

PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

The Anderson County Library, in cooperation with the Pendleton District Historical and Recreational Commission, presented a program on "Business and Industry in Anderson" on June 28. The program's featured speakers were Beth Ann Klosky, historian and author, and Dr. Art Belote, Professor of Business Administration, Furman University. The program was sponsored by a grant from the South Carolina Committee on the Humanities.

The Florence County Library was the recipient of a certificate of appreciation awarded by the Adult Education Department of the Florence School District on June 24. The award cites the library for its "support in upgrading the coping and education skills of adults in the Florence area." The award is based on the operation of an Outreach Library located at the Church Hill Housing Development, a project funded by an LSCA grant administered by the South Carolina State Library.

Winners of the Bicentennial Poetry Contest sponsored by the Florence County Library were honored at a reception and awards ceremony on June 28. Presentation of the awards was made by L.A. McCall, Jr., Treasurer of the Friends of the Florence County Library.

The Oconee County Library's summer reading program is being based on a "UFO" theme. For the celebration parties marking the end of the program, reading club members have been invited to design a space poster or dress a doll in a space costume.

The Pickens County Library is cooperating with the Easley Police Department in a program to loan citizens electric engraving pencils in order to mark their valuables. Library staff members have been instructed in use of the pencils and are now circulating them to the public for a three-day period. Each individual borrowing an engraver is provided with a checklist to fill out. Copies of the checklist are then filed with the police department's Crime Prevention Office.

Repeating the successful theme utilized in its last annual report, the Pickens County Library recently released its annual report for 1976 emphasizing the library as a "money-saving place." Last year, the library's annual report received nationwide attention when it was noted in the Wilson Library Bulletin.

The Richland County Public Library sponsored an adult film program on South Carolina in the Revolution. Films shown included <u>King's Mountain</u>:

Brother against Brother and The American Revolution: The Impossible War.

A program on canning and freezing foods was held at four of the branches of the Richland County Public Library during July. The program was led by Mrs. Nancy McLeod of the Richland County School District #1 Adult Home Economics Center.

BIDS LET ON USC-COASTAL LIBRARY

Bids were opened on July 15 for construction of a 46,000 square foot library building for USC-Coastal Carolina College. The Georgian style building, estimated to cost \$2 million, was designed by the Sumter architectural firm of James, Durant, James and Mathews. Initially, it is planned that the library will be housed on the first level of the two-story building. The second level will be composed of classroom and office areas which can later be converted for library purposes.

It is expected that ground will be broken for the building August 15 with a projected completion date of September, 1977.

PROJECT SURVIVAL

"Project Survival," an attempt to stem the tide of deteriorating financial support for libraries, was launched during the recent ALA conference in Chicago. Although sponsored by the Public Library Association, the project involves the documentation of decreased financial support for all types of libraries and its effect on library services. Information gathered during this year-long program will be disseminated to the American public to dramatize the contribution libraries make to the quality of American life.

At the initial meeting held on July 22, interested librarians and trustees were asked to provide information on appropriations, expenditures, and services. The second phase of the project will feature regional meetings which will emphasize planning and publicizing the situation of local libraries. During the third phase, data will be compiled and reports on regional planning efforts will be made.

TASK FORCE ON COMPUTER-TO-COMPUTER PROTOCOL FORMED

The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and the Institute for Computer Science and Technology of the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) have joined forces to tackle the problem of developing a high-level protocol for computer-to-computer data interchange directed primarily at library and information science networking applications.

A task force composed of recognized technical experts in this area is being established to develop such a protocol and to identify existing related standards that should be adopted for library and information science applications. This task force, the members of which are being designated by NCLIS, will receive technical and operational support from NBS. The task force meetings will be open to the public, beginning with the first one planned to be held at the National Bureau of Standards on September 1 and 2, 1976.

The findings of this task force, including a recommended standard protocol, will be provided directly to the American National Standards Institute, the American Library Association, and the American Society for Information Science for their consideration in development and adoption of standards directed specifically to the library and information science community.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES AVAILABLE

The Office of Criminal Justice Programs, South Carolina Division of Administration, Office of the Governor, is offering six reports issued in 1973 by the National Advisory Commission of Criminal Justice Standards and Goals free of charge. The purpose of the reports was "to formulate ... national criminal justice standards and goals for crime reduction and prevention at state and local levels."

Titles of the six reports are: <u>Community Crime Prevention</u>, <u>Corrections</u>, <u>Courts</u>, <u>Criminal Justice System</u>, <u>A National Strategy to Reduce Crime</u>, and <u>Police</u>.

Requests for these studies should be sent to Mr. Bill Hamm, Office of Criminal Justice Programs, 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Please enclose a check for mailing costs, either 80¢ for book rate or \$1.50 for parcel post.

NEWS OF S.C. LIBRARIANS

...BETH ADDIS joined the staff of the Anderson County Library as Children's Services Librarian in May. A graduate of Columbia College, Miss Addis holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Southern California. She has previously served four years as librarian of the Balton Middle School...DANIEL D. BARRON will begin his appointment as Assistant Professor at the College of Librarianship, USC, on August 27. Formerly associated with the library/media programs in the Gaston County (North Carolina) schools, Mr. Barron is currently completing requirements for a doctoral degree at Florida State University...FANNIE M. DAVIS was recently appointed Librarian at the Sumter Area Technical College. Mrs. Dayis received her undergraduate degree from Benedict College and her master's degree in library science from North Carolina Central University. Mrs. Davis has previously served as librarian at Morris College and as a teacher/librarian in the Lamar city schools...EDWARD FERRANG was recently named Media Services Librarian at the Wessels Library, Newberry College. A graduate of Edinboro (Penn.) State College, Mr. Ferrang received his graduate degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh... PRESTON H. LEVI recently assumed the position of Extension Librarian at the Florence County Library. Mr. Levi holds a graduate degree in library science from Louisiana State University. While working as a part-time assistant at the LSU Department of Archives and Manuscripts, Mr. Levi was responsible for the processing of the Huey P. Long papers. Mr. Levi succeeds RONALD HOMICK who resigned to accept a library position in Houston... CATHERINE LEWIS was recently named an official Bicentennial host by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce for her work in local history on behalf of the local Bicentennial celebration committee. The presentation was made at a meeting of the Conway Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors... KITTRELL TUCKER has been appointed Technical Services Librarian at the Wessels Library, Newberry College. A candidate for a master's degree in library science from the University of South Carolina this summer, Mrs. Tucker holds a B.A. and a M.A. in English from USC...

SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARIANS ELECTED TO SELA POSTS

Two South Carolina librarians were recently elected to offices in the Southeastern Library Association.

Larry Nix, Director of the Greenville County Library, was elected to serve as Secretary of SELA for the upcoming year.

Gerda Belknap, Extension Librarian, Richland County Public Library, was elected to the office of South Carolina Representative to SELA.

ALA OFFICERS

Assuming the office of President of the American Library Association for the 1976-77 year is Clara Stanton Jones, Detroit Public Library. Eric Moon, President, Scarecrow Press, Metuchen, New Jersey, was elected as Vice-President, President-Elect of ALA.

The next annual convention of the American Library Association is scheduled to be held in Detroit, Michigan, June 19-25, 1977. The mid-winter conference is slated for Washington, D.C., January 23-28, 1977.

NEWS OF TRUSTEES

Mrs. Linda Tucker is a new member of the Chesterfield County Library Board.

Recently-appointed members to the Dorchester County Library Board are George H. Seago, Jr., and Mrs. Marie Owens. Mr. Seago was also elected Chairman of the Board.

Miss Ellen Childers, a member of the Oconee County Library Board, has received the Oconee Teacher of the Year Award.

The Pickens County Library Association elected the following officers at a meeting on July 27: Dr. Henry Lefort, Chairman; Mrs. J.J. Stansell, Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. L.L. Hendricks, Secretary. New members to the Pickens County Library Board include: Mrs. R.D. Boggs of Central and Mrs. J.V. Reel, Jr., of Clemson.

BEST WISHES

To Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Barry Loy, who were married on June 26. Mrs. Loy, formerly Mary Anne Martin, was the Librarian of the AHJ Regional Library. The couple is now residing in New Orleans.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Mr. Christy Cummings, Circulation Librarian at the Beaufort County Library, who died on July 6. Mr. Cummings had been employed at the library for many years.

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The store of B.C. Moore and Sons has made a \$1,000 contribution to the Pageland Library building fund.

The first phase of the drive to raise funds for a new Oconee County Library building has netted \$2,525 donated from 19 club organizations in the area. The Building Committee also plans campaigns to solicit funds from individuals and businesses.

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